

November 8, 2018

**Via Electronic Filing**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communications, IB Docket Nos. 18-313; 02-54*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on November 11, 2018, representatives of Space Exploration Technologies Corp. ("SpaceX") met with Chairman Ajit Pai and his legal advisor, Rachel Bender, with respect to the above referenced proceedings. Representing SpaceX were Patricia Cooper, Vice President, Satellite Government Affairs; David Goldman, Director, Satellite Policy; and William Wiltshire of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP.

During the meeting, SpaceX explained that maintaining a clean orbital environment is a fundamental concern for its business. In addition to its plans to launch its own non-geostationary orbit satellite constellation, SpaceX has an active launch manifest with at least 22 Falcon 9 missions planned for 2018 alone for commercial and government satellite customers. For every launch mission, SpaceX must safely deliver satellite payloads to their proper orbital altitudes; for NASA missions, SpaceX must reliably deliver cargo—and soon astronauts—to the International Space Station, a more than \$100 billion multinational facility with human beings onboard. Safe space is critical for these ongoing activities and our future plans for deeper space missions.

SpaceX expressed its general support for the Commission's efforts to foster safe space across its regulatory purview, while also stressing the importance of encouraging the burst of space innovation now underway. SpaceX urged an approach that relies on performance-based metrics to balance appropriate oversight with encouragement of a dynamic and forward-leaning space sector.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Cooper', written in a cursive style.

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